(b) Restoration work from Manu to Laldinabari and in 10 km length out of 29 km from Kanchanpur to Tripura/Mizoram border is under progress. Border Roads Organisation has informed that in the remaining length, the road is not in existence and entering in this militant infrested area without dedicated security is not possible.

(c) and (d) Progress of works is reviewed by Border Roads Organisation from time to time. Further, the Ministry has prescribed, in March, 2007, that from April, 2007 onwards quarterly reveiw/monitoring of National Highway works executed by Border Roads Organisation would be held in the Ministry.

NHs in the NER

3930. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways in the North-Eastern Region and their identification;

(b) the NHs included during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the status of works of these new NHs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 29 National Highways, namely: NH-31, 31A, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 40, 44, 44A, 44E, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 53, 54, 54A, 54B, 61, 62, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154 and 155 are serving the North East Region.

(b) During 2005-06 and 2006-07, no new National Highway has been included in the North East Region.

(c) Does not arise.

NHAI plans to combat HIV/AIDS

3931. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI have finalized plans to combat HIV/AIDS;

(b) the details of this plan;

(c) the manner in which the NHAI would be equipped to embark on such missions;

(d) whether such activities would distract NHAI from road safety initiatives; and

(e) the steps proposed to work on NH-5 sector on this mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). Accordingly, NHAI is implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along NH-2 (Delhi - Kolkata), NH-28 (Lucknow-Muzaffarpur), NH-26 and NH-7 (Lalipur to Anantpur - Andhra Pradesh/Karnataka Border) and on NH-76 & NH-25 (Chittorgarh - Jhansi).Presently, four NGOs have been awarded contracts for implementing HIV/AIDS awareness campaign along NH-28 (Lucknow-Muzaffarpur).

(c) The NHAI has set up one HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Unit with experts for assisting NHAI in implementing this programme.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Presently, the NHAI's HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Programme is being implemented as part of loan commitments to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) along the identified stretches as mentioned in replies to part (a) and (b) of the question. NH-5 is not covered under this mission.

Discontinuation of Toll Tax on Kishangarh ROB in Rajasthan

†3992. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan have requested for discontinuation of toll tax recovery of Rail Over Bridge (ROB), Kishangarh

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.